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11. (U) Per reftel Post submits a list of women influential and active in government, civil society, and business in Suriname. Post hopes these women will be included in future activities organized by the Office of the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Women's Empowerment (S/WE). We are providing the names of fifteen influential women, some of whom are influential principally due to the positions that they hold; for a variety of reasons, Post feels that all are deserving. If the department desires a "top five," the list may be considered roughly rank-ordered.

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